

## Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland.

1879 Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> The last week like many others has passed away without seeing any thing very profitable. I have cruised from Lat 28°20' to 26°20' and from Long 107°30' E to 108°30' E without seeing a whale. The ground looks dry enough a few birds some squid. I am living in hopes to see something soon. Lat 27°20' Long 108°07' E

Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> This day comes in with fine weather and light winds from S.E.W. the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks saw nothing ends with fresh breeze. Lat 27°16' Long 108°25'

Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> The last two days fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E.W. the Bark steering on different tacks. This forenoon saw a school of porpoises, a few birds and other small fry. Employed overhauling the windlass. Yesterday sent down main top gullant sail to repair. Lat 26°52' Long 108°00' E

Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> This day fine weather moderate breeze from S.E. steering by the wind to the Eastward. This has been a fine day and good seeing, but nothing in sight but one school porpoise. I hope tomorrow will prove more prosperous. Lat 26°27' Long 109°27' E

Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> These twenty four hours good weather and moderate breeze from the S.E. the Bark steering N.W.W. Midden part steering North at sunset heaved to the wind heading to the Eastward saw tide rips and birds. one jumper. Lat 26°39' Long 108°37' E

## Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland.

1879 Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fresh trade winds steering North at dawn steered N.W. E. at 3 P.M. wore ship to the S.W. Employed repairing the fore topmast staysail yesterday repaired the jib. Nothing seen. Lat 25°29' Long 108°47' E

Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> This day comes in with light winds and fine weather. The Bark steering by the wind to the Southward at 7 A.M. wore ship to the Eastward. Ends with fine weather nothing seen. "dry dry" "very dry". Lat 26°35' Long 107°21' East

Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> These twenty four hours strong breeze from S.E. the Bark on different tacks looking for a whale. Saw nothing of importance latter part a little more moderate turned the reefs out. Lat 27°01' Long 108°38' E

Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> These twenty four hours good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark steering by the wind to the South saw squid. yesterday saw a Breach once no more. Lat 27°27' Long 108°08' E

Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the Eastward steering by the wind to the South at 10 A.M. wore ship. latter part nearly Calm. Saw Squid. Lat 28°16' Long 107°36' E  
Lunar 107°31' E

Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with good weather and so continues through the twenty four hours a light southerly wind. the Bark on different tacks. saw a Steamer steering to the S. E. Saw no fish. Lat 27°55' Long 107°44' E